(ii) Indian exports of gold jewellery to U.A.E., Spain, Kuwait, Fiji, France, Newzealand have shown an upward trend during the period April-October 2001 *vis-a-vis* the corresponding period of the previous year.

Export on onions from Karnataka

936. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Karnataka has sought the permission for the State agencies to export onion from Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka had requested for appointment of Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd., (KSCMF), Bangalore as an additional State Trading Enterprise for export of Bangalore Rose Onion and North Karnataka Onion Growers Cooperative Society as another State Trading Enterprise for export of other varieties of Onion. The above recommendations were accepted by Government of India and these two agencies were included as additional State Trading Enterprise for export of Bangalore Rose Onions and other varieties of Onions respectively. The notifications in this regard were issued on 12.10.2001 and 27.7.2001 respectively.

Decline in leather export

937. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that global footwear producers including Reebok and Nike have decided to stop